

Satellite radio provides an amazing array of options not available on local, commercial radio stations. I signed up for it because I could not stand the canned programming that makes every station in every city sound exactly the same, offering only a few different kinds of music catering the least common denominator of listeners, interspersed with obscene quantities of advertising. National media conglomerates have taken over broadcast radio with the result that there is nothing local about it. Let satellite radio provide local news and information--it's no less local than most stations that do this. Blocking the ability of satellite radio to provide this service only harms the competitive marketplace and permits these national conglomerates to continue offering nothing of value to the listening public. Please reject the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160 and encourage competition in the radio marketplace so that the American public can get the kind of quality radio programming we want and deserve.